

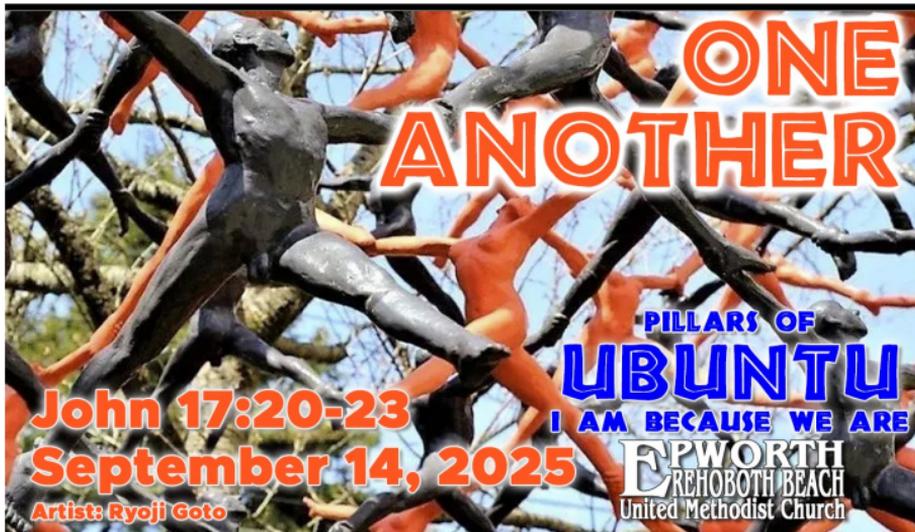


EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, September 14, 2025



Welcome to Epworth Worship
Sunday 10 am
in-person and online

10 am [Blended Worship Order](#)
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*VISION: Explore Faith,
Embrace Community*

*MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,
Connecting, Caring*

All Means All

As a [Reconciling Ministries Network](#) congregation, we welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to share their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.



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~ We Gather in Worship ~

Confidence

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose.
I feel unqualified for what You're callin' me to.
But Lord, with Your strength, I've got no excuse,
'cause broken people are exactly who You use.
*So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den,
give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.
Give me a heart like David, Lord, be my defense,
so I can face my giants with confidence.*

You took a shepherd boy and made him a king,
so I'm gonna trust You and give You ev'rything.
I'll be a conqueror, 'cause You fight for me;
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory. *{Refrain}*

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.
Won't stop until I see 'em fall.
Gonna stand up, step out when You call, Jesus, Jesus.
I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.
Won't stop until I see 'em fall.
Gonna stand up, step out when You call, Jesus.

{Refrain}

*Yeah, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den,
give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.
Give me a heart like David, Lord, be my defense,
so I can face my giants with confidence.
I'll face my giants with confidence.*

Desert Song

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Praise Team

This is my prayer in the desert,
when all that's within me feels dry.
This is my prayer in my hunger and need.
My God is the God who provides.

This is my prayer in the fire,
in weakness, or trial or pain.
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold.
So, refine me, Lord, through the flame.
*I will bring praise. I will bring praise.
No weapon formed against me shall remain.
I will rejoice. I will declare,
God is my victory, and He is here.*

This is my prayer in the battle
when triumph is still on its way.
I am a conqueror and coheir with Christ,
so firm on His promise I'll stand.

{Repeat Chorus}

(this section sung 4x)

All of my life, in ev'ry season, you are still God.
I have a reason to sing. I have a reason to worship.
{Repeat Chorus}

This is my prayer in the harvest
when favor and providence flow.
I know I'm filled to be emptied again.
The seed I've received I will sow.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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Day by Day

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Day by day, day by day,
oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day. *(Repeat 4x)*

Day by day, day by day,
oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.
Day by day by day by day by day.

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965 / Henry T. Smart, 1867
Congregational Hymn

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair Your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure Your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
for our growing in Your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

*And now with the confidence of the Children of God,
let us sing the prayer Christ taught us:*

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish, trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905 / Trad. Irish melody
Congregational Hymn

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Lesson: *John 17:20-23* Doro Mumford, reader
“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Give Us a Vision

Joseph M. Martin, 1999

Chancel Choir Anthem

Give us a vision, Lord. Come, guide our way.
Grant us a mission, Lord, to share our faith.
Give us a vision, Lord. Give us eyes of faith.
This is our decision, Lord; we will live in praise.

God of the future, God of ages gone,
Give us a vision clear and strong.

We stand as one to face the future;
our spirits strong, our hearts renewed.
We look ahead to new horizons,
and the work that we must do.

Give us a vision, Lord.
Let Your light shine through.
Give us Your wisdom, Lord.
Make the dream come true.
God of the future, God of ages gone,
Give us a vision, give us a vision,
Give us a vision clear and strong.
Give us a vision clear and strong.

Prayer for Our Pastor Doro Mumford

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

O God of Every Nation

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958 / Henry T. Smart, 1835

Congregational Hymn

O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem Your whole creation
with Your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us,
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,

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from pride of race and station
and blindness to Your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen all who labor
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter,
Lord, let Your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
Your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

All the People Said Amen

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you get to lean on,
but thank God, it's all you need.

*And all the people said Amen.
And all the people said Amen.
Give thanks to the Lord,
for His love never ends.
And all the people said Amen.*

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
and God so loved the world,
He sent His Son to save us all.

{Repeat Chorus}

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: And all the people said Amen.

Annual Worship Theme September 2025-October 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 14, 2025

SYMPATHY

To Aleta Thompson, family and friends, on the death of her Mother, Frances Mason.

CONCERNS

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Jackson and family

Nicole Anderson

Zach & Emma Anderson

Ashley Angstadt

Cody Angstadt

John Astafan and family

Joey Augustine

Matias Baker

*Michael Beigay

David Bendekovits

Melba Bengston, Hospice @ Home

*Cathy Benson

Linda Bingnear

*Jeff Bond

Barbara Bowrin

Mallory Banczar

*Anita Broccolino Family

Diane Bruce

*Kathryn Burwin

Donna Bush

*Tim Bush

David Caffier

Brenda Clarke

Clouspy Family

Mary Jane Colgan

Jose Compos

Ian Cooper

Paula Cosatanzo

Lou Cox

Angela Cregar

Laurene Dalpezzo

Jerry DeLair

Fern Dzielak

Karen Donahoe

*Jane Drapper

Alan Dzilak

Mya Douglas, 14 yr old in hospice

Ayva Dudley

*Jennifer Eden Family

Katherine Erlanger

Blaine Fasnacht

*Roni Fiedler

Horst Fischer

Folderaiuer Family

Marion Ford

Luna and Nathan Franco

Judy Fredrich

Kim Frye

Dayna Fuller

Fran Garside

Dayna Faller

Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont

Sterling Green

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Mark Gruber-Lebowitz
*Nancy Hecker
*Jimmy/Linda Hess
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Dahlia Hill
Kathy Hill
Ray Hilt
Barb Hoffman
Kate Howells
Wayne Hudson
Bonnie Hudson
Lorraine Hudson
Eric Jancheimer
Marly/Bob Jensey
Eric Johnson
Charlene Jones
Matthew Kenworthy
Mary Ellen King
*George Leet
Debra Leiss
*Donna Lipscomb
*Loretta Mahan
Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
Larry Mazzoni
Sean and Adrienne McCullough
Kaitlyn McCutcheon
*Marv Malone
*Frances Mason
Bob Mazur
Michie Mader
Karen Monahan
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*Nikki Nicholson
Susan Parsons
*Bob Paulen
*Ron Paxton
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*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
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*Chris Porter
*Dan Potts
*Annette Predeaux
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Fred Rosado
Emmalea Ruff
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Herb Russell
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*Irene & Tom Safrit
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Kamdyn Schauss
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Donna Shannon

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Bill Smith
*Loretta Smith
*Chet Sprague and Sue Sprague
Mike Sprague
Mikey Stugard
*Cheryl Tarlecky
Dean Tibbetts
Mike & Erin Tibbets
Rene Toney
Nancy Trinkley
Annie Valenti
Becky Vye and Family
Lee Ann Walling
Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
*Deb Weber
*Suzanne Weidner
*Tim Whaley
*Tina Whaley
Michael Wills, Sr
*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
Joe Wood
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Tom Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Jean Young
Zopfi family
Tiffany
Jody
Lynn and her 3 children

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Leon Cromer, Harbor Health
Gary Ralph, Polaris Milford
*Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff
Jamie
Bradley

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Hailye Wilson, USCG Mobile
Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula
Zeb Wilson, Travis AFB
Jacob Hudson, Quantico
Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

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Callie Juliano, U Conn

Cole Thomas Juliano, UD

Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech

*Thomas Vyas, UD

Griffin Barrows, Marist

Grant Barrows, UNC Charlotte

Hunter Zhang, UD

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Belonging Minister: [Gwen Osborne](#) (x108)

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